

12U- 2018 Tournament Rules

1. Games:
 - a. Time limit will be two hours for pool play games and tournament games. There will be no time limit for the championship game. The current inning must be finished when the time limit is reached. Each inning begins with the last recorded out of the previous inning. Will consist of 6 innings of play unless one team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings after the home team has batted unless the home team is already ahead by 15 after 3 ½ innings or 10 runs after 4 ½ innings.
 - b. Coaches must get the first batter of each inning ready within 90 seconds of the last out. The defensive team must have his entire defensive team on the field and within the same 90 seconds. Failure to do so will be a warning for the first offense then an out be accessed from there on out for the team that fails to comply. It will be the umpire's decision to make that call.
 - c. Subs can warm pitchers up but must wear catcher's helmet, cup and shin guards along with a catcher's mitt. Coaches can warm the pitcher up as well.
2. Batting order:
 - a. A continuous batting order will be used for all 12U games. Therefore, all defensive substitutions are free but every player must play six consecutive outs or two consecutive innings. Failure of minimum play requirements result in a forfeit score of 6-0.
 - b. If a player is injured during the game, and no available subs are left, his space in the line-up will be skipped without penalty for the offense.
 - c. If a player arrives late to the game he must be placed at the bottom of the line-up.
 - d. If a team has less than 9 players in the batting order then they will receive an out each time that spot comes up in the order.
3. Offense:
 - a. Infield fly rule is in effect.
 - b. Drop third strike is in effect.
 - c. Leadoffs
 - d. Runners must attempt to avoid contact with the defense. Not sliding is not an automatic out but sliding should be encouraged by the coaches. The play will be at the umpire's discretion.
 - e. Courtesy runners for the catcher are allowed with 2 outs in the inning. The runner will be an available sub or the last batter or base runner who made an out.
 - f. The Home team is responsible for the official score.
4. Defense:
 - a. Defense will consist of 9 players on the field at any one time.
5. ***All teams will follow these pitching limitations. Pool play games are as follows: A pitcher can pitch 3 innings total per pool play game. A pitcher can pitch 3 innings total for each bracket games. An appearance in an inning equals one inning pitched if it is only for one batter or one pitch thrown. The Visiting team will be responsible for the official innings that a pitcher has pitched.
 - a. Pitcher's mound is 50 feet. Bases are 70 feet.
6. Seeding:
 - a. For bracket play tiebreakers are as follows:
 - i. Head to Head
 - ii. Runs Allowed
 - iii. Runs Scored
 - iv. Coin Flip

Miscellaneous Rules:

- a. Coin toss will determine Home/Visitor for pool play games. This will be done at the beginning at home plate before each game starts. This will be conducted by the umpire.
- b. Home team will be the lower seed during single elimination tournament games. For example a 1 seed vs. 8 seed the 1 seed will be the home team. Home team dugout will be on the third base side of the field. Visitor dugout will be on the first base side of the field.
- c. No unsportsmanlike behavior will be tolerated. The umpire has the authority to eject any coach, player, fan, and parent for unsportsmanlike behavior. If this happens you will be asked to leave the park and will not be allowed to return for the remainder of the tournament. If you do not leave when asked then the police will be called to help resolve the situation. Teams will also be sent to the dugout and wait until that person has left the park before play will resume. The time limit on the game being played will not be extended.
- d. Please make sure you are at the diamond with your team 45 minutes before your scheduled game time. If we are running ahead of schedule we will start the game up to 30 minutes prior.
- e. One visit to the mound will be allowed to speak with your team and pitcher per inning. If a second trip is made a pitching change must be made.
- f. If a pitcher hits 3 batters while pitching that pitcher must be removed for the remainder of the game. Once a pitcher is taken out of the game they cannot return in the same game to pitch.
- g. When changing pitchers 8 pitches will be the maximum allowed for warm-ups. We have bull-pens available for use and you are more than welcome to use them. If the pitcher is not a new pitcher then 3 warm-up pitches will be allowed before first batter and between innings.
- h. Bat size – 2 ¼ or USA 2 5/8 – NO WOOD BATS
- i. Age cutoff date is Dec 1st. Which means your player **CANNOT** turn 13 years of age before Dec 1st. Please have birth certificates available for review if necessary.